

➔ A Soldier died in a motorcycle crash Oct. 19 at approximately 2200 local in Graham, Wash. He was found Oct. 20 on a highway near his wrecked motorcycle. The Soldier had an expired license, had not attended the required Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation training, was not wearing a helmet, and the motorcycle was not registered on post.

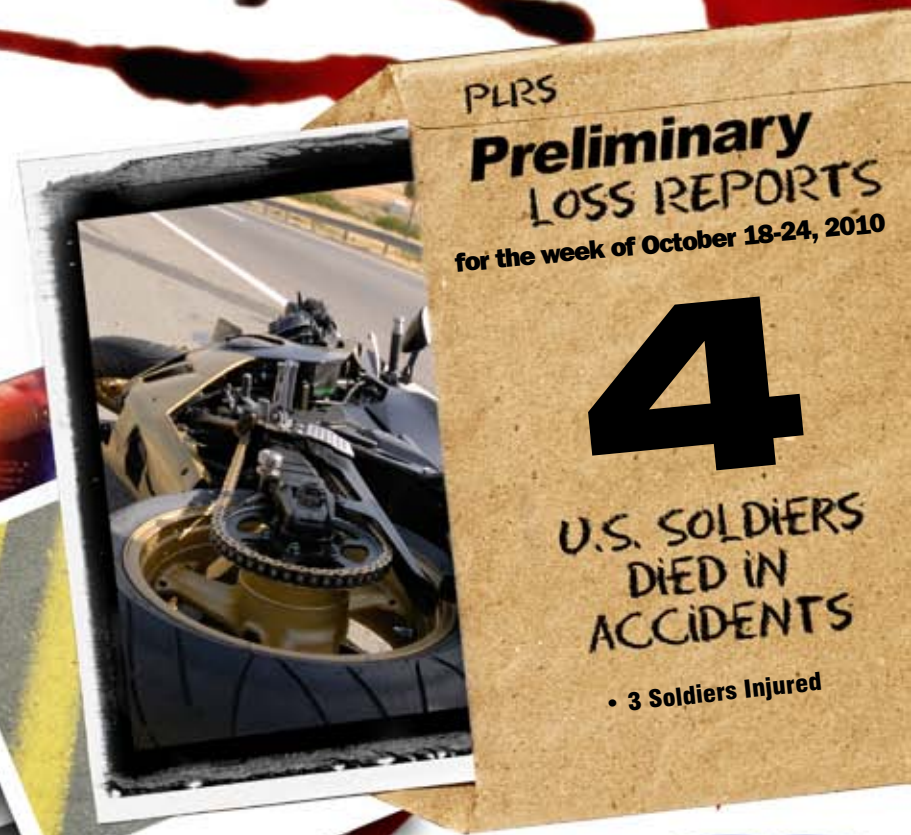
➔ A Soldier died Oct. 24 from injuries sustained from a parachuting accident in Ohio Oct. 20. He was participating in parachute training along with 56 other Soldiers when he was injured. The Soldier was found on the ground with severe head trauma and was evacuated to a medical center. Three other Soldiers were also injured during the jump.

➔ A Soldier died Oct. 22 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash Oct. 21 at approximately 2200 local in Fayetteville, N.C. He was riding a Harley Davidson when he was struck from behind by a motorist in a vehicle attempting to turn at an intersection. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The Soldier was wearing all required personal protective equipment and had completed the Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course.

➔ A Soldier died in a single-vehicle accident Oct. 23 at approximately 0130 local on Fort Hood, Texas. He was driving a 2001 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup truck when he lost control, left the roadway and overturned. The Soldier was not wearing his seat belt and was ejected during the crash. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

#### **Safety Reflection**

• *The loss of every Soldier is tragic, whether they die on duty or off. Leaders must strive to keep all Soldiers safe and in the fight—and that process begins with effective and engaged leadership at the first-line level. Leaders must know their Soldiers, listen to what they have to say and provide regular counseling sessions not as punishment, but as a way to bring the unit together to address common concerns and build the team around shared safety goals.*



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